

get some of it as well as a lot of other people and I can't disregard that. Yet I feel that that homeowner is still going to pay about the same amount of taxes because if we do not give state aid or find some other solution such as Senator Remmers and I are trying to come up with, we're going to find that our property tax is still going to be as high as it ever was. So really this isn't going to help us a whole lot. And as someone said earlier, the rich are going to get it; the poor are going to get it although the poor will benefit a lot more because their houses, their homes generally are, are lower valued and they will not have to pay as much tax. But if we don't get anything else, I have to say that I hope this bill advance even though I have a very difficult time supporting it because I don't think it's a proper solution. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: (No response.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Bernice Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Newell's amendment. I also co-sponsored the amendment. I think in the eight years I've been down here, almost every year we've discussed property tax. I have always been very reluctant to support any state aid because when I get back to my district, they say well my property tax never did go down even though you voted for another \$30 million state aid and other people tell me, well you go back and tell them that it wouldn't have gone up, it would have gone up much higher if they had not had the state aid but they don't seem to understand that. I opposed, when we removed the general homestead exemption on homeowners, I felt that that was one way that we could give them direct property tax from our sales and income tax and there was no hokey-pokey. They actually received a homestead exemption. It may not have been very much but to the people that are on fixed incomes and trying to maintain their homes and especially the people in my district, they appreciated even that amount. I strongly support any property tax relief that is guaranteed